

Year Three – Spring 1 – Viva España

Geography

Climate and Weather

This half term we will be learning about climate, weather and tourism. We will be looking at Spain and the UK, specifically comparing and contrasting Madrid with Warwick.

Key Questions

- What are some of the countries of Europe?
- How does climate vary between different countries?
- How does climate affect natural resources and tourism?
- How does weather vary between Warwick and Madrid?

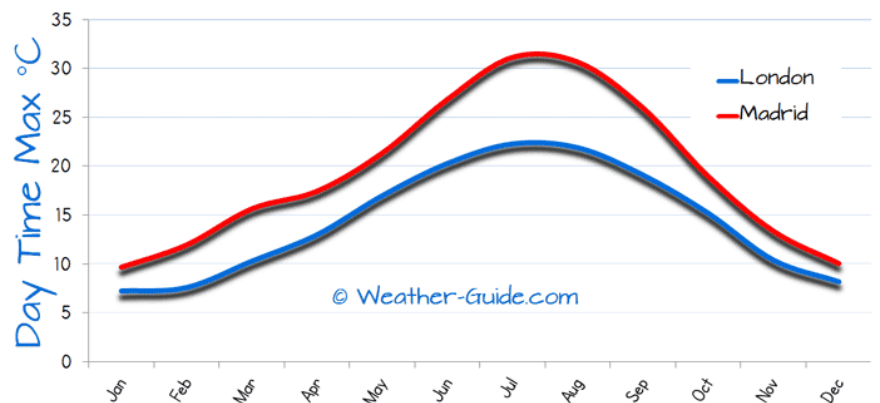
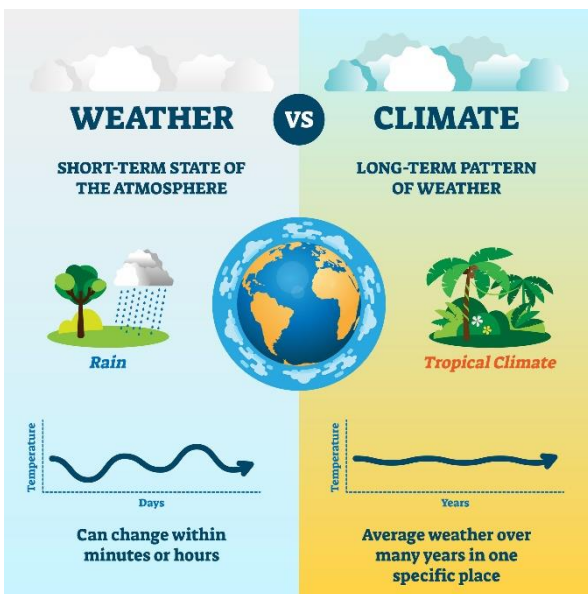


Key Vocabulary

weather	The daily state of the atmosphere, or air, in any given place. The weather is important to people. It affects their comfort, their food supply, and even their safety.
climate	The average measurements of temperature, wind, humidity, snow, and rain in a place over the course of years. Climate is like the weather, but over a long time.
continent	A large block of land, e.g. Africa.
country	A nation with its own government, e.g. England.
tourism	The act of traveling, usually for sightseeing or relaxing
natural resources	Materials that are found in nature and that can be used by people in many ways. Fresh water, soil, coal, and forests are all examples of natural resources.
human geography	It is the study of humans, their dwelling and living standards, and how their activities affect the planet Earth
physical geography	Physical geographers observe, measure, and describe Earth's surface. They study how landforms develop and how they change.
temperature	Temperature is the measure of hotness or coldness expressed in terms of any of several scales, including Fahrenheit and Celsius.

Facts about Spain

- The Spanish name for Spain is España.
- Due to the early influence of the Spanish Empire, the Spanish language is spoken in many areas of the world
- Spain is located in Europe.
- It is a developed country with a high quality of life.
- The largest city in Spain is Madrid. This is also the capital city of Spain.
- The second largest city of Spain is Barcelona, which is located in Catalonia.
- The currency in Spain is the Euro.
- Mount Teide is the highest mountain in Spain at 3718m and is an active volcano.
- The Pyrenees is a mountain range that divides Spain and France.
- Spain includes a number of islands including Mallorca, Tenerife, Ibiza and Gran Canaria. Many can be found in the Canary Islands off the northwest coast of Africa.



Home Learning Suggestions

1. Weather Observation and Recording

Over a week, observe the weather each day at home and record your findings on a chart. Research the weather online in a city in Spain for comparison.

2. Create a Weather Forecast

Become a weather forecaster by researching the weather patterns in Spain and the UK. You could record yourself presenting the forecast (like a TV weather presenter), using props or a homemade map to show the weather in different regions.

3. Weather in a Bottle Experiment

Using a plastic bottle, children can create a small "weather system" to observe evaporation, condensation, and precipitation (rain). They will fill the bottle with warm water, then add ice to the top to simulate clouds and rain.